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In re application: **Ahrens et al.** §
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Serial No.: **09/779,365** § Group Art Unit: 2113
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Filed: **February 8, 2001** § Examiner: **McCarthy, Christopher S.**
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For: **Cache Thresholding Method,** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920000752US1**
Apparatus, and Program for §
Predictive Reporting of Array Bit §
Line or Driver Failures §

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A fee of $774.00 is required for 9 independent claims converted from dependent form. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.